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WELFARE SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the welfare schemes being run by his Ministry under the `Employment for handicapped` scheme under the welfare schemes meant for others;

(b) the criteria adopted by the Government to provide loans, grants and the financial assistance under these schemes;

(c) the contribution or financial share of the State Government in these schemes;

(d) the names of the welfare schemes being implemented in Rajasthan directly by the Ministry or by the State Government of Rajasthan or by other voluntary organizations since April, 1998; and

(e) the Scheme-wise and year-wise details of the amount provided by the Union Government in the form of loan, grant or financial assistance?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of `Employment of Handicapped`, central assistance is provided to the states for Special Employment Exchanges for persons with disabilities on 80:20 sharing basis between the Central Government and the State Government respectively. 100% central assistance is given for maintenance of special cells in regular Employment Exchanges. The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) provides soft loans for self-employment ventures to the persons with disabilities whose annual income does not exceed Rs. 1,00,000/- in urban areas and Rs. 80,000/- in rural areas.

(d) & (e) Financial assistance under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities (Umbrella Scheme) and Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase of Aids/Appliances (ADIP Scheme) released directly to organizations in Rajasthan from 1998-99 to 2001-02 is as under:-

Year	Umbrella Scheme	ADIP Scheme
1998-1999	0.30	2.66
1999-2000	0.88	3.49
2000-2001	0.94	3.60
2001-2002	1.56	3.83